

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Carl E. Whitcomb  
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Customer No. : 24945

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 17, 2009**

Applicant files this Response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2009. Please consider the remarks and amendments on the pages that follow.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 5.

**Remarks** begin on page 13.